



Bombers arrive in Guam

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

After receiving orders to deploy recently, 7th Bomb Wing B-1s began arriving at Andersen Air Base, Guam, this week, joining Dyess personnel and equipment already in place to serve as a deterrent to aggression in the Pacific theater while the world prepares for possible military action elsewhere in the world.

The 7th BW received orders to deploy people and B-1s to Guam as a prudent measure to enhance the country's defensive posture in the region should U.S. military forces become involved in contingencies elsewhere in the world, said Capt Dave Honchul, Dyess Public Affairs chief.

"These bombers and airmen are the finest in the Air Force and have answered the call to deploy to the Pacific as a defensive measure to ensure all countries in the region know that the U.S. military has its eyes wide open and not simply focused on the other side of the world," said Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander who deployed recently to become the commander of the newly formed 7th Air Expeditionary Wing. "People should not see this deployment as an act of aggression. It's merely a deterrent measure to ensure



B-1B Lancers and airmen from Dyess are deployed to Andersen Air Base, Guam, to ensure peace and stability in the Pacific region.

peace and stability in the Pacific region."

According to the 7th AEW commander, the airmen from stateside bases, along with 36th Air Base Wing airmen permanently assigned to Andersen, are prepared if they are called upon.

"The airmen of the 7th AEW stand ready to provide all the services that come with our capabilities," said George. "However, our immediate mission is to provide a prudent measure to bolster the U.S. defensive posture in the region as a deterrent."

While hundreds of Dyess airmen are supporting the 7th AEW from Guam, airmen at Dyess are helping to support their efforts as well

"The efforts of Team Dyess in deploying aircraft, cargo and our

fellow airmen to Guam and other OEF locations over the last month have been phenomenal," said Col. Tom Bell, 7th BW vice commander. "I have never seen such a smooth aircraft generation and launch...our operators and maintainers have every right to be proud of your accomplishments."

Even with the increased operations tempo and the added workload, Dyess remains actively emerged with its home station mission.

"The 'home team' mission at Dyess continues, Bell said. "We must stay focused on our daily training both on the ground and in the air so we are ready to provide additional forces in support of our war against terror if called.."

(Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs contributed to this story.)

AF begins Stop Loss

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) has authorized the use of Stop Loss in order to retain specific skills needed to meet national security objectives. Effective May 2, 43 officer and 56 enlisted specialties are Stop Lost.

"We do not take this action lightly," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche. "Stop Loss is designed to preserve critical skills essential to supporting the Global War on Terrorism, while ensuring we're prepared to meet other contingencies."

"We've implemented Stop Loss to ensure we have the necessary skilled personnel to conduct operations," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper. "We'll use it only as long as necessary to accomplish our mission."

Stop Loss is being implemented for active duty, Air Force Ready Reserve, and Air National Guard for many career fields and affects all airmen in the rank of colonel and below, according to Maj. Teresa Forest, chief of Air Force retirements and separation policy at the Pentagon.

Both the secretary and chief of staff are aware that the Air Force is an all-volunteer force and that this action, while essential to meeting the service's worldwide obligations, is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary service.

"We take Stop Loss seriously and are working hard to ensure the lives of our airmen, their families and their civilian employers are not disrupted any longer than is necessary," Jumper said.



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World events are cause for increased awareness

Tech. Sgt. Todd Holderead
7th Bomb Wing
Anti-terrorism Office

It doesn't take a secret security clearance to see that we are in a period where war seems to be a matter of "when" and not "if."

As a young NCO during Desert Shield and Desert Storm, I recall the concerns of terrorism. Thankfully, those concerns never came to reality here in the United States.

But there is a distinct difference between then and now. Terrorists have proven the ability to strike and kill large numbers of innocent people in our own country.

While the chances of a terrorist strike here in Abilene may seem remote, it doesn't mean we shouldn't take a moment to take simple measures to protect ourselves.

When reading these measures, remember that individual anti-terrorism measures are nothing more than good crime prevention measures. A terrorist is nothing more than a criminal with a cause.

Remember that terrorists, like many criminals, will observe a potential target before committing

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their crime. Changing your routine and appearing aware just might make them reconsider you as a target.

- Try not to set a pattern in your routes and times of travel when you can.

- Always secure your vehicle and residence.

- Periodically check your vehicle to make sure no one has tampered with or placed explosives on it.

- Know where your "safe havens" are located.

Go to a place of safety, such as police and fire stations, and military installations that are open 24 hours a day instead of going home when you recognize possible danger.

- Practice good operations security by not discussing deployments or other information that can be exploited.

Strangers don't need to know your spouse is

deployed or scheduled for deployment.

- Drive defensively. Remember your following distances while driving and while stopped at intersections. This might make the difference in allowing you to escape danger, whether it's a terrorist or carjacker.

Finally, in addition to protecting yourself and your family, remember the Eagle Eyes program -- the anti-terrorism equivalent of Crime Stoppers -- that asks you to report suspicious behavior. Some of the categories you're likely to run across include surveillance, eliciting information, testing security, acquiring supplies and suspicious persons out of place.

Report suspicious activity immediately to the 7th Security Forces Squadron at 6-2131.

Even if it seems insignificant, it may be a piece to a larger puzzle.



Let's take a short step back, re-focus, and make sure we are looking at the big picture. Our nation needs us...it needs us trained and healthy, prepared to do the mission, when called. Many of our fellow airmen are already deployed, answering the call. The rest of us are answering the call from the home front, sustaining the forward theater, continuing our training cycles, and caring for each other and the families of our deployed airmen. At home, we are working in an environment

with fewer co-workers and fewer resources to get the job done. Now, more than ever, we must resist the temptation to cut corners, or to take extra risk in our professional and personal lives. We must find ways to prioritize tasks both on and off-duty, concentrate on doing the most important tasks first and use sound risk management to increase safety associated with the things we do. Be safe and smart and by doing so, prepare yourself to answer our nations call at home or abroad.

ACTION LINE



Col. Jonathan George
7th Bomb Wing commander

The action line provides a direct line of communication between me and the people of Dyess. It is only one of several means of helping resolve problems and get my response to comments and questions. As a general rule, I ask you to contact the agency involved first, but if you are not satisfied, call 6-3355 or e-mail action@dyess.af.mil and leave your message. Leaving your name and phone number ensures you will receive a personal reply by phone.

Slow down!

I live in Quail Hollow, and have concerns about people speeding around the buses at the bus stop. I tried everything I can to get this to stop and I am at a loss. I have asked the complex management to put in speed bumps, but they seemed to be dragging their feet with that. I spoke with the Abilene Police Department, and they told me they have no jurisdiction over private property

I would appreciate any suggestions you have.

Response: My experts on the matter concur that speed bumps, to which the Quail Hollow management has now received approval to install, will be the best long-term deterrent to speeding.

Separately, we are working with the property owners to add bus stop signs to help raise awareness of the congested area to local drivers. We are also working with several private organizations on base to assist with the initiative of Quail Hollow residents to provide crossing guards for school children and possibly get funding through these organizations to pay for safety equipment for you and other volunteers who provide this public service.

All of these initiatives aside, the greatest measure of safety will be provided when all Quail Hollow residents and visitors slow down and stay alert while driving.

We will continue to brief base personnel on the critical importance of driving safety, especially in areas where our children are likely to be.



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Scouts work to improve golf course

**Story and photo by
Capt. Dave Honchul**
Dyess Public Affairs

As far as he was concerned, it was the perfect environment in which to work.

Mike Bell loves the outdoors. He loves playing golf, so when it came time to look for a service project to do, he knew exactly where he wanted to go to find the right one for him.

"I always like being at the golf course," Bell said. "I've had a lot of fun there, and I wanted to give a little back."

The result -- he led an effort to repaint tee box signs, sprinkler boxes and the water sheds, as well as building benches and birdhouses for the course.

Bell, the son of Ranette and Col. Tom Bell, 7th Bomb Wing vice commander, is a member of Dyess' Boy Scout Troop 296. The 13-year-old Life Scout is a candidate for the rank of Eagle, the highest rank in Boy Scouts. In order to complete all his requirements for advancement, he had to develop, execute and lead a project to benefit the local community.

That's when he turned to the Mesquite Grove Golf Course manager, Danny Walters. He asked for help in finding an appropriate service project.



Justin Hemminger, Dyess' Boy Scout Troop 296 member, sands down a hole marker at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course. Hemminger was a helper for Mike Bell, son of Ranette and Col. Tom Bell, 7th Bomb Wing vice commander's Eagle scout project. The scouts did a variety of jobs to help beautify parts of the course.

"The question I asked myself was, 'How can the Scouts improve the looks of the golf course the most?'" Walters said. "The tee signs and weather shelters were really in need of touching up, and I knew they could be greatly improved with just a little bit of paint."

Walters and Bell planned out the project, and expanded it to include

the minor construction. Then Bell set out to organize the members of his troop for the tasks. They spent one weekend painting tee signs. On another weekend, they built and painted benches, and built birdhouses for the course. While out of school on spring break, the boys finished up by painting the water sheds and sprinkler boxes.

The birdhouses were of special interest to the golf course. Mesquite Grove is the only military golf course in the world that is certified as an Audubon wildlife sanctuary, Walters said. As such, the idea to build them fit right in with the course's plans.

"We take pride in (the Audubon status)," he said. "In order to maintain that status, we have to be recertified every two years. We just submitted our application, and the birdhouses directly contributed to our recertification efforts."

While Bell sought "to beautify the golf course," he also ended up saving the course a significant amount of money, Walters said. All of the projects were issues that needed to be addressed, but the golf course did not have the money or the manpower to get them done.

"It was a real life saver," Walters said. "Sometimes a little touch of paint goes a long way. And, the golfers have already noticed the improvements. (The project has) provided a wonderful playing environment while making a hospitable habitat for birds."

As for Bell, it was just about being out where he loves to be.

"I thought it would be fun to do, and that the boys would like to help," he said. "I'm just glad that I could give something back to the community."

Medics named best in ACC

**Story and photos by
Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice**
Dyess Public Affairs

Two Dyess medics were recently named Air Combat Command Medical award winners for 2002.

Senior Airman Miranda Molloy, 7th Medical Group pharmacy technician, won the Chief Master Sgt. Michael A. Gambuti Airman Pharmacy Technician of the Year award. Maj. Randall Blake, 7th MDG diagnostic and therapeutic services flight commander, won the Maxine Beatty Outstanding Field Grade Pharmacist of the Year award.

"It was definitely a pleasant surprise to have won," Blake said. Molloy agreed. "I'm still amazed I won," she

said. "But I'm really excited."

Molloy's supervisors, however, were confident in her nomination all along.

"She is amazing," said Staff Sgt. Adrian Crumrine, NCO in charge of patient pharmacy services. "She definitely deserves this award -- she's dedicated, hard working and she has a great personality."

Since her time at Dyess, Molloy has served as both a medication counselor and an advisor, serving more than 22,000 patients and advising a staff of 43 doctors.

Molloy's professionalism and administrative skills helped achieve a remarkable 99.5 percent customer satisfaction rate, Crumrine said.

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A waiver process will be implemented for those people with unique circumstances.

"We are doing our best to minimize this disruption," Roche said. "And we will look at unique circumstances on a case-by-case basis and do all we can to offer appropriate relief."

For more information about Stop Loss, contact the military personnel flight at 6-5722.

Air Force Specialty Codes affected are:

Officer AFSCs
11AX, 11BX, 11EX, 11FX,
11GX, 11KX, 11RX, 11SX, 11TX,
12BX, 12EX, 12FX, 12GX, 12KX,

12RX, 12SX, 12TX, 13BX,
13DXA 13DXB, 13MX, 14NX,
31PX, 32EX, 43EX, 43HX, 43TX,
44EX, 44MX, 45AX, 45BX, 45SX,
46FX, 46MX, 46NXC, 46SX,
48AX, 48GX, 48RX, 51JX, 71SX

Enlisted AFSCs

1A0XX, 1A1XX, 1A2XX,
1A3XX, 1A4XX, 1A5XX, 1A7XX,
1A8XX, 1C0X1, 1C1XX, 1C2XX,
1C3XX, 1C4XX, 1C5XX, 1N0XX,
1N1XX, 1N2XX, X1N2XX,
1N3X4, 1N3X5, 1N3X6, 1N3X7,
1N3X8, 1N3X9, 1N4XX, 1N5XX,
1N6XX, 1S0XX, 1T1XX1, 1T2XX,
2E2X1, 2F0X1 2T3X2A, 2T3X2B,
3C0X1, 3C2X1, 3E000, 3E0X2,
3E4X1, 3E4X2, 3E5X1, 3E7X,
3E8X13, E9X1, 3H0X1, 3N0XX,
3P0XX, 4A1XX, 4A2XX, 4B0XX,
4E0XX, 4H0XX, 5J0X1, 7S0X1,
8D000, 9L000.

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“Some customers like and trust Senior Airman Molloy so much that they ask for her by name,” Crumrine said.

Molloy has also been a key member in several medical group programs including the Composite Health Care System. Molloy helped update more than 4,000 patient profiles identified with incomplete medication allergy information. Her efforts in the ACC benchmark program minimized the potential for more than 900 adverse drug reactions, illnesses and deaths, said 7th MDG officials.

Molloy was also key in the insulin syringe disposal program, which provides disposal containers for diabetic patients. Her efforts in this program helped eliminate serious community safety concerns and avoided possible waste management audit discrepancies, said 7th MDG officials.

Molloy also helped with the renovation of the Dyess pharmacy. Her efforts helped enable the pharmacy to maintain full services to patients and mission readiness during the renovation, Crumrine said.

Blake also had an important impact on the 7th MDG since he’s been stationed here, said 7th MDG officials.

In addition to commanding the most diverse flight in the 7th MDG, consisting of 30 military members and 48 Red Cross technicians, Blake has also taken on the duties of 7th Medical Support Squadron deputy commander several times.

“(Blake was) a superb deputy squadron commander,” said Lt. Col. Paul Martin, 7th MDSS commander. “He is destined for greater leadership opportunities.”

During Blake’s time as a flight commander, the 7th Medical Group has been



Senior Airman Miranda Molloy, 7th Medical Group pharmacy technician, fills a prescription.

through many inspections, including the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations inspection, the Drug Administration blood bank inspection and 13 Air Force-level inspections.

In every inspection, Blake’s flight has received perfect, outstanding or excellent ratings, said 7th MDG officials.

“I think the reason we do so well during inspections is because we make a great effort to be prepared at all times and not just when we know an inspection is coming up,” the major said.

7th MDG officials also laud Blake as an outstanding financial manager.

Blake’s one-time initiatives saved the 7th MDG

\$1.51 million with an ongoing savings of \$914,000 a year, officials said.

Blake has also been instrumental to the 7th MDG in other ways, officials said.

He avoided local hazardous waste concerns by using a contracted agency for return of expired medications. This eliminated the handling of unusable chemicals by less experienced personnel while recouping \$63,000 for the 7th MDG, officials said.

Blake said he appreciates the recognition he has received, but what really motivates him to do well is his faith and those around him.

“My family has made some big sacrifices for me

during my career and I am grateful to them and the people in my flight are amazing as well,” Blake said. “But whatever abilities I have come from God.”

But no matter how 7th MDG personnel, such as Blake or Molloy, propel themselves to do well, Col.

Schuyler Geller, 7th MDG commander, is proud of all of them.

“We’re very proud of (Molloy and Blake),” Geller said. “The men and women of the 7th Medical Group work hard as a team every day to perform the mission and they do it well.”



Maj. Randall Blake, helps a Red Cross technician find a prescription.

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Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

TEAM DYESS**Warrior of the Week****Staff Sgt.****Cindy Anderson****Unit:** 7th Munitions Squadron**Job description:** Conventional weapons maintenance**Time in the Air Force:** 11 years**Time at Dyess:** One year, seven months**Family:** Husband, Troyce.**Hometown:** Texas City, Texas**Job impact on the mission:**

Support the flight line with training and war reserve munitions

Career goals: Get through life with happiness**Best Air Force memory:**

Meeting my husband during my short tour at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea.

Editor's note: Squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors nominate people in their unit to be the Dyess Warrior of the Week. For more information, call the Peacemaker staff at 6-4266.**TEAM DYESS****7th MUNS profile****Leaders:****Commander:**

Maj. Kirk Kehrley

First sergeant:

Master Sgt. Ricky Butler

Personnel:

- Officers: Six
- Enlisted: 149
- Civilians: None

**Mission statement:**

Store, maintain and deliver quality munitions and maintain munitions release systems, assuring mission readiness for B-1 and C-130 aircraft to meet national command authority taskings.

Future goals:

- Put bombs on target by providing safe, reliable munitions and release systems, on time, in support of wing missions.
- Complete conversion of all 180-inch launchers to conventional rotary launchers ahead of scheduled completions date.
- Recognize squadron personnel through wing, squadron and flight recognition programs.

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7th EMS secretary wins business woman award

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Keran Coleman, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron executive secretary, was recently named the American Business Woman of the Year by a local ABWA chapter in Abilene.

A Dyess secretary was recently named the American Business Woman of the year by the Oro Negra chapter of the American Business Women Association in Abilene.

Keran Coleman, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron executive secretary and equal employment opportunity counselor for the Dyess civilian workforce, was nominated for the award based on her "great work ethic and attitude," according to Maj. Wesley Norris, 7th EMS commander.

"It does not surprise me one bit that Keran was selected for this highly prestigious award -- she's earned it," Norris said. "She plays a vital role in the success and high morale that this squadron enjoys.

"I'm very glad for her -- she's earned not only the admiration and respect of the ABWA, but of the members of the 7 EMS as well. I'm glad she is on my team," Norris said.

The Oro Negra chapter Coleman belongs to is one of four ABWA chapters in Abilene. The American Business Woman of the Year winners from each chapter nationwide will compete at a national level in Las Vegas in November, Coleman said.

"Winning this award impacted me tremendously," said Coleman, whose husband, Steven, is a 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief. "I found out I was my chapter's winner during a meeting last month."

Coleman has earned an incredible amount of experience throughout her career, working with a KC-10 program at Barksdale Air Force

Base, La., and as a Raytheon Aerospace Logistical Manager at McGuire AFB, N.J., where she was responsible for the day-to-day operations for KC-10 aircraft spare parts and managed assets exceeding \$66 million. Coleman also deployed overseas as a government contractor several times to set up enroute locations for the parts.

She also holds a master's degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma and is trained in handling multicultural issues and disputes, as well as conflict resolution.

But the Shreveport, La., native attributes her spirit of volunteerism as her proudest asset.

"Volunteering is very important to me because it means giving tirelessly of oneself freely and without any strings attached," Coleman said.

Coleman has been the 7th EMS executive secretary since arriving in May 2000.

"She's an irreplaceable part of the EMS team," said to 1st Lt. Zdravko Belic, 7th EMS executive officer.

"Ms. Keran is truly a gem of a secretary -- her highly personable nature and persistent, helpful attitude make her a wonderful person to work with," Belic said.

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'Emergency data cards' now available on Web for all Dyess airmen

By Maj. John Thomas
Air Force Personnel Center
Public Affairs

Dyess airmen can now update their emergency contact information from any Web-connected computer rather than visiting the base military personnel flight.

Called the Virtual Record of Emergency Data, or vRED, the form provides the Air Force with information needed to contact family members if an airman suffers a serious illness or injury, or dies while on active duty.

The vRED replaces the Department of Defense Form 93, Record of Emergency Data, and will need to be kept updated individually. The Virtual MPF will prompt airmen to update their emergency data upon login.

The military personnel flight will notify airmen when they must sign on and establish their initial electronic form, said 2nd Lt. Amanda Miller, 7th Mission Support Squadron MPF customer support section chief. The transition is expected to last until June, however, Dyess members who are deployed to areas where they don't have vMPF access will still be able use the paper version DOD form 93.

"The biggest advantage of having this electronically is the convenience available to the customer," Miller said. "People won't have to stand in line here just to make simple changes to their contact information."

The innovation comes as the Air Force increases its number of deployed airmen, said Maj. Gen. Thomas O'Riordan, Air Force Per-

sonnel Center commander. "Updating emergency data is important," he said. "It is a crucial part of expeditionary preparation."

Accurate and current family contact information can prevent delays of medical, casualty and death benefits for airmen and family members, officials said. It also avoids hours or even days of uncertainty during which casualty teams are sometimes left to track down next of kin.

"That emergency information is essential for our casualty notification teams in case an airman becomes incapacitated, or worse yet, killed," said Maj. Jerry Couvillion, AFPC casualty services branch chief said. "Once the member initially completes the form, they will be able to go in at any time and update specific information as needed. It's simple and saves time."

On the AFPC Web page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil, people can select the "vMPF" logo at the top of the page. New vMPF users will need to establish an account.

The online application, which will take most people about 15 minutes, requires information on relatives and their addresses.

Conveniences include drop-down menus that keep users from having to re-enter addresses common to more than one person, said Couvillion. "And if someone needs to take a break or go home to look up an address, as often happens with this form, they can log off and log back in to the same place in the form where they left off."

(Senior Airman Zachary Wilson, Dyess Public Affairs, contributed to this story.)



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This week in AIR FORCE HISTORY

March 15 -- The Air Force took responsibility for all strategic guided missiles in 1950.

March 16 -- The first military aerial reconnaissance flight was made over Mexican territory in 1916.

March 17 -- The first Curtiss airplane was bought by the Army Signal Corps in 1911.

March 18 -- Nearly 1,900 Army Air Force bombers and fighters participated in the heaviest attack on Berlin

during World War II in 1945.

March 19 -- The first operations across enemy lines were flown by the 94th Squadron, 1st Pursuit Group, in 1918.

March 20 -- The site in Cheyenne Mountain, Colo., was approved as the location for North American Aerospace Defense in 1959.

March 21 -- Strategic Air Command, Tactical Air Command and Air Defense Command were created in 1946.

SGLI costs to fall July 1

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- The amount airmen pay for Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Family Member SGLI will be automatically reduced starting July 1.

Decreased mortality rates allow for the reductions of 1.5 cents per \$1,000 of coverage for military people and as much as a 42 percent decrease for spouse coverage.

The premium for servicemembers with \$250,000 of coverage will decrease from \$20 per month to \$16.25.

"(Veterans Affairs) had a

surplus partly because of the low number of claims, and they've decided to pass this surplus on to the servicemember," said Scott Hand, chief of Air Force casualty operations at the Air Force Personnel Center. "This is a great deal for Air Force people. The price for a little peace of mind has just gone down."

Members on active duty, active duty for training or inactive duty for training, and members of the ready reserve are eligible for insurance through this program. SGLI is available for

servicemembers in \$10,000 increments up to a maximum of \$250,000.

Servicemembers who carry any amount of coverage are also given \$10,000 of coverage for each dependent child at no cost. People who decline SGLI coverage are not eligible for the dependent child coverage.

People can have coverage restored, increased or reduced by filling out the proper paperwork through the military personnel flight. For more information, call 6-5722.

Local Advertisement

Roche: Academy problems are a 'corporate responsibility'

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- Citing policies that were "clearly not smart," the Air Force's senior official acknowledged March 6 the service has a corporate responsibility for the barrage of sexual assault charges filed at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche told members of the Senate Armed Services Committee that the service allowed budget and manpower restrictions to adversely affect management decisions.

"We gave up on a year of advanced education for counseling of senior staff officers in how to deal with this sort of situation. That clearly was not smart." Further, Roche said, "We did not make good use of our superlative noncommissioned officers...so they could help.

"That's not the fault of the people there, it's a corporate responsibility," he said.

According to Roche's Feb. 27 testimony before the House Armed Services Committee, a three-pronged investigation is looking into the charges of rape and sexual assault at the academy.

Roche expects to implement major policy changes in the coming months before the arrival of the new class of cadets, including 218 women, in June.

"We are learning enough to realize that change must occur," he said. "(There must be a) change in climate, how we manage the place, and how we lead.

"We will make changes that will come out by the end of March," he said. "We have to make sure that new cadets' families believe those cadets are safe.



Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche testifies before the Senate Armed Services Committee regarding sexual assault charges filed at the U.S. Air Force Academy. According to Roche, a three-pronged investigation is looking into the charges.

"We also have 3,400 male cadets, and we have (to) make sure their parents understand that an accusation is not a conviction," Roche said. "Due process will always be maintained."

While the male cadets will be afforded due process, Roche said he and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper plan to make life difficult for anyone who contemplates sexual assault.

"Zero tolerance, to me, doesn't capture the specifics of what these young men need to know," he said. "We want to go further.

"We will not tolerate any cadet who sexually assaults another. We cannot tolerate a cadet who harbors one who has, nor a cadet who is present and allows it to go on and doesn't do something about it. And especially," he said, "we will not tolerate a cadet who harasses or shuns a cadet who has the courage to come forward."

While, statistically, the academy has fewer instances of sexual assault than other universities in the country, Roche said that is not good enough.

"Whatever the number is, there's probably another hundred that hasn't been reported," he said. "A woman joining the Air Force Academy should feel better protected than a woman going to a university.

"What frightens me most is the climate is affecting so many who have not come forward," he said.

Roche said he and Jumper are adamant that changes will be made.

"We will do whatever we have to do with regards to administration of the academy," he said. "We cannot bear the thought of a criminal being commissioned and flying around with a couple thousand pounds of bombs under his wings.

Further, Roche said, "We can't have our female cadets know there's a criminal who's making it through the academy, because when they go on to active duty, we want (them) to worry about the Air Force mission, not fear that the same bum will show up again."

Gen. Jumper: One academy assault is too many

by Senior Master Sgt.
Rick Burnham
Air Force Print News

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -- Air Force leaders met with reporters here March 7 for a roundtable discussion on recent sexual assault allegations by current and former cadets.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray stressed that getting to the root of the problem and finding the predators is the most important task, Jumper said.

Make no mistake, he said, "One sexual assault at our academy is too many."

Dozens of women have come forward in recent

weeks with reports of alleged rape and assault by classmates, bringing to light shocking allegations about the institution responsible for molding the future leaders of the service.

"There is no room for even one person among us who is guilty of (these) charges," the general said.

He said that Air Force leaders must ensure that the climate is right for cadets to learn the "high standards of character that will be demanded of them in the future...that they learn the basics of mutual respect for one another."

The changes in store for incoming cadets range from alterations in dormitory life to adjustments of day-to-

day activities, the general said.

"In our day-to-day living, we must have an environment where the basic human dignity of males and females (is) preserved in this very intense situation where they live together and do military duty together and do athletics together virtually 24 hours a day.

"There has to be (a) separation that provides for human dignity. I am not sure we have done that as well as we could, and we will be addressing this problem, and others as well."

Changes also have to be made to procedures when a cadet reports an alleged assault or rape, Jumper said.

"We need a climate in which the cadets who have suffered assault can come forward in an environment where the situation will be dealt with in a way that produces results and in a way that they have confidence in the leadership's ability to take the appropriate action," he said.

Those crimes, and the people who commit them, simply cannot be tolerated in the U.S. Air Force, said Jumper.

"The standards of human nature dictate that we don't tolerate such things," he said. "We have to go forward with all the evidence that we can possibly muster to take those people out of our midst."

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Promotion test change impacts deploying airmen

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Commanders of technical and master sergeants facing short-notice deployments now have greater flexibility as to when their airmen test for promotion.

New overseas manning requirements and the freezing of the air and space expeditionary force cycle prompted officials at the Air Force Personnel Center here to adapt new procedures for deploying airmen.

In the past, the number

“This cycle, we gave commanders a little more flexibility to say whether a person should test before or after their deployment,”

Ken Schwartz

Air Force Personnel Center test management section chief

of airmen receiving deployment orders while in their testing window was small, said Ken Schwartz, chief of the center's test management section. They were

generally required to test before departing, providing they had access to study materials for at least 60 days.

“This cycle, we gave com-

manders a little more flexibility to say whether a person should test before or after their deployment,” he said. “It seemed like the right thing to do to keep (promotion) testing in sync with the acceleration of the AEF rhythm.”

Now, noncommissioned officers in the current test window who receive short-notice orders can have their commander delay testing if circumstances warrant, said Schwartz. Those who delay their testing will test

out of cycle when they return.

Officials are also considering the merits of applying this change to those testing for staff sergeant May 1 to 31; however, no decision has been made.

For more information, visit the career enhancement office at local military personnel flights or visit the enlisted promotions Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom/>. (Courtesy of AFPC news Service)

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CALENDAR

**Today, March 14, 2003**

Women's History Month Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-5584.

Children's crafts from 1-3 p.m. at the Crafters Haven Skills Development Center. For more info, call 6-4175.

Heritage Club open house from 5-8 p.m. The event is open to all officers and equivalent civilian employees. For more info, call 6-2405.

Saturday, March 15, 2003

Two-day Dyess Golf Association Spring tournament, 10 a.m. at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course. For more info, call 6-4384.

Thunder Alley from 8 p.m. to midnight at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

Sunday, March 16, 2003

Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Monday, March 17, 2003

5K run/walk, 11 a.m. beginning at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course entrance. Sign-up begins at 10:30 a.m. For more info, call 6-4306.

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

\$1 breakfast for club members from 6:30-8 a.m. at The Heritage Club.

Presentation on enlisted commissioning programs from 8-10 a.m. at 425 Third Street in Room 304. For more info, call William Phillips at 6-5545.

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Wing Right Start, 7:45 a.m. at The Heritage

Club. For more info, call Katherine Lacy at 6-5730.

Thursday, March 20, 2003

Logistics Professional of the Year medalion ceremony, 10:30 a.m. at The Heritage Club.

Engine removal and replacement class from 3-5 p.m. at the auto skills center. For more info, call 6-4179.

Enlisted Spouses Club meeting, 7 p.m. at the family support center. For more info, call Michelle Bowers at 673-7898 or Deena Lyssy at 795-2186.

Upcoming events

March 21 -- Dyess Goal Day

March 22 -- Logistics Professional of the Year banquet, 5:30 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center. For more info, call Chief Master Sgt. Henderson Price at 6-3015.

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COMMUNITY



Reading hour

Children ages 1-5 are invited to the Tiny Tots Reading Hour from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the base library.

For more information, call 6-2618.

Boy Scouts

Dyess has its own Boy Scout troop -- Troop 296.

Boys 11 years and older are welcome to join.

The troop meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays in Building 390, the 7th Security Forces Squadron building, located on Fourth Avenue.

For more information, call Scoutmaster Jonathan Martindale, at 692-8584.

Car club

Outdoor recreation is looking for people who are interested in joining a remote control car club.

Outdoor recreation will offer introduction into the hobby with tips on how to find and buy equipment.

For more information, call 6-2402.

Base housing pets

Pets residing with members in base housing must be on a controlled leash or in a fenced yard when outside the home. Allowing pets to run loose will result in losing pet privileges.

Base housing residents may have up to two dogs and/or cats per household.

Report stray animals to the 7th Security Forces Squadron Control Center at 6-2131.

For more information, call 6-2150.

EDUCATION



Commissioning

There is a presentation on enlistment commissioning programs from 8-10 a.m. Tuesday at 425 Third Street in Room 304.

The presentation will discuss application procedures, eligibility criteria, nomination procedures,



Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice

I can do this...

Ken Jakob Angell, son of Ileana and Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Angell, 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, makes a bug cage at the Crafters Haven Skills Development Center Tuesday. The two-hour crafting class is one of several to give children something constructive to do during spring break. The last two classes are from 1-3 p.m. today and Tuesday at the center.

required examinations and changes to current commissioning programs. The commissioning programs include the Air Force Academy and preparatory school, Air Force ROTC, and Officer Training School.

To reserve a seat or for more information, call William Phillips at 6-5545.

Engine classes

The auto hobby shop has a two-day engine removal and replacement class from 3-5 p.m. Thursday to March 21. The cost is \$15.

For more information, call 6-4179.

ERAU registration

Students can now register for the Spring B term Embry-Riddle

Aeronautical University's Dyess Center. The term dates are from March 24 to May 23.

For more information, call Tracy Chapman at 6-1785 or visit the ERAU Web site at <http://www.erau.edu/dyess>.

Babysitting class

Dyess youth ages 13-18 can now sign-up for the babysitting class from 9 a.m. to noon March 29 at the base youth center. The cost is \$10.

Students will learn basic child-care and first aid.

For more information, call 6-4797.

Computer classes

The family support center and the Air Force Aid Society are funding

computer classes for spouses of active duty members.

The classes consist of 12 hours of the Microsoft Office package taught by Texas State Technical College instructors. The classes vary in skill-level.

To sign up or for more information, call Silvia Shurgot at 6-5999.

CHAPEL



Chapel schedule

Catholic: Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday with Mass afterwards at 5 p.m. Daily Masses have been cancelled until further notice.

Weekly lent lunchons begin at 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays at the Chapel Annex.

Protestant: Shared faith worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday. Gospel service starts at 1 p.m. Sunday. Contemporary "Blue Jean" service begins at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

A nursery and children's church are available at all services. There is no Sunday School this week.

Other religions: The base chapel has information on other religious services in the Abilene area.

For more information, call 6-4224.

OFF BASE



Fiesta Texas

The information, ticket and travel office offers special rates on Fiesta Texas tickets. For more information, call 6-5207.

Cruise discount

The information, ticket and travel office has discount rates on the upcoming Carnival Cruise out of Galveston, Texas, April 5.

For more information, call 6-5207.

'Wizard of Oz'

The Children's Performing Arts Series performs "The Wizard of Oz" at 2 p.m. April 6 at the Paramount Theater in Abilene.

Family members of deployed servicemembers may attend for free.

For more information, call 677-1161.

Shooting for 'Eagle'

Dyess senior NCO attempts to attain life-long goal of being a pro on PGA tour

**Story and photos by
Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs**

In April of 1980, at the Professional Golf Association Master's tournament in Augusta, Ga., Steve Ballersteos hit a submerged ball five feet from the hole to make par on the final day of the tournament and went on to win.

Unknown to Ballersteos, that moment was not only special for him, but also for a 12-year old boy watching the tournament in Neptune, N.J., who would later dedicate himself to someday earn the same opportunity.

"At that very moment, I knew I wanted to play golf professionally one day," said Master Sgt. Scott Davis, Air Force Reserve recruiter here and Mesquite Grove Golf Course golf instructor.

Davis recently advanced one step closer to his goal when he competed in the U.S. Amateur tournament last fall. Though he did not place high enough to make it to the PGA circuit this year, he learned many valuable lessons.

"The experience as a whole helped me refine one of the most difficult aspects of the game -- the mental game," Davis said. "By making it to the regional level, I was able to develop the thought process



Master Sgt. Scott Davis offers some instruction to Jerry Tuttle, a Dyess golfer. Davis works at the base golf course as an instructor during his free time.



Master Sgt. Scott Davis, Air Force Reserve recruiter, lines up for a putt on the putting green. Davis is attempting to one day become a full-fledged Professional Golf Association professional.

for success and learned rapidly how to play under severe pressure."

While golf was his first love, the active-duty 17-year vet knew he had to have a backup plan for himself when he enlisted as a security forces specialist from 1986-1990.

Now, working as an in-service Air Force Reserve recruiter out of the Military Personnel Flight building, Davis is responsible for counseling all active-duty separetee's and retirees for Dyess, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, Fort Hood, Texas, El Dorado Air Force Station, Texas and the Defense Language Institute in Monterrey, Calif."

"I also cover the prior and non-prior service markets for 'the Big Country,' Davis said. "My 'line' zone encompasses over 45,000 square miles."

While the game of golf has been a great experience for him, Davis is equally as gracious to have the chance to serve in the military.

"I wasn't so concerned about the travel, education or rank when I

joined, but I have been fortunate in all respects, as I have been around the world twice, earned my bachelor's degree and made master sergeant in 11 years, so I am quite satisfied with the experiences the Air Force has provided."

As soon as Davis joined the Air Force, his golf game reached a new level.

He won back to back base championships at Decimomarmia Air Base, Italy, and placed second in the 1988 Mediterranean small base championship.

In 1990, Davis separated from active-duty and joined the AF Reserve for the next three years, then moved back to New Jersey where he began caddying at local country clubs. It was during this time he decided to take a swing at achieving his dream.

"In 1990, while caddying, I met Lyn Cesario, a local PGA professional and one of the original members of the Metropolitan tour (Which later became known as the

PGA tour)," Davis said. "He asked me if I was interested in becoming a professional, and for the next three years he took me under his wing and taught me all the aspects of the game. Soon after, I was enrolled in the five-year PGA Apprentice program."

While he was still under the tutelage of Cesario, Davis decided the time was right to return to active-duty. He was assigned to McGuire AFB, N.J., as an in-service active-duty AF Reserve recruiter and was able to continue working with Cesario on his golf game. But the up-and-coming professional's drive toward success suddenly landed in the rough with the death of his mentor.

"When Lyn passed away in 1995, I had to set the game aside for a while," Davis said.

Davis was re-assigned as the in-service recruiter for the Pentagon and White House until January 2001, when he was assigned to Dyess. After arriving here, he decided to give golf another try.

"I made a commitment to myself that I was going to finish what I started," Davis said. "My plans right now are to honor that commitment I made to myself and make the PGA tour. I am committed to play in eight events this year, including the U.S. Open and Nationwide tour," Davis said.

While he is not a full-fledged PGA professional until he wins at the U.S. Amateur tournament-level, Davis can often be found working as a golf instructor at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course, where he has served since December.

"I provide lessons for customers and teach golfing clinics during weekends," he said. "I am starting to work on having the "First Tee" program here as well as other national junior golf programs. Plans are also underway to have national 'Drive, Chip, and Putt' and 'Long Drive' qualifying tournaments here."

"I would like to involve everyone at Dyess in the game -- whether they are regular players or newcomers; the game has something to offer everyone."

Engineers capture intramural basketball title

By Senior Airman
David Maurice
40th Airlift Squadron

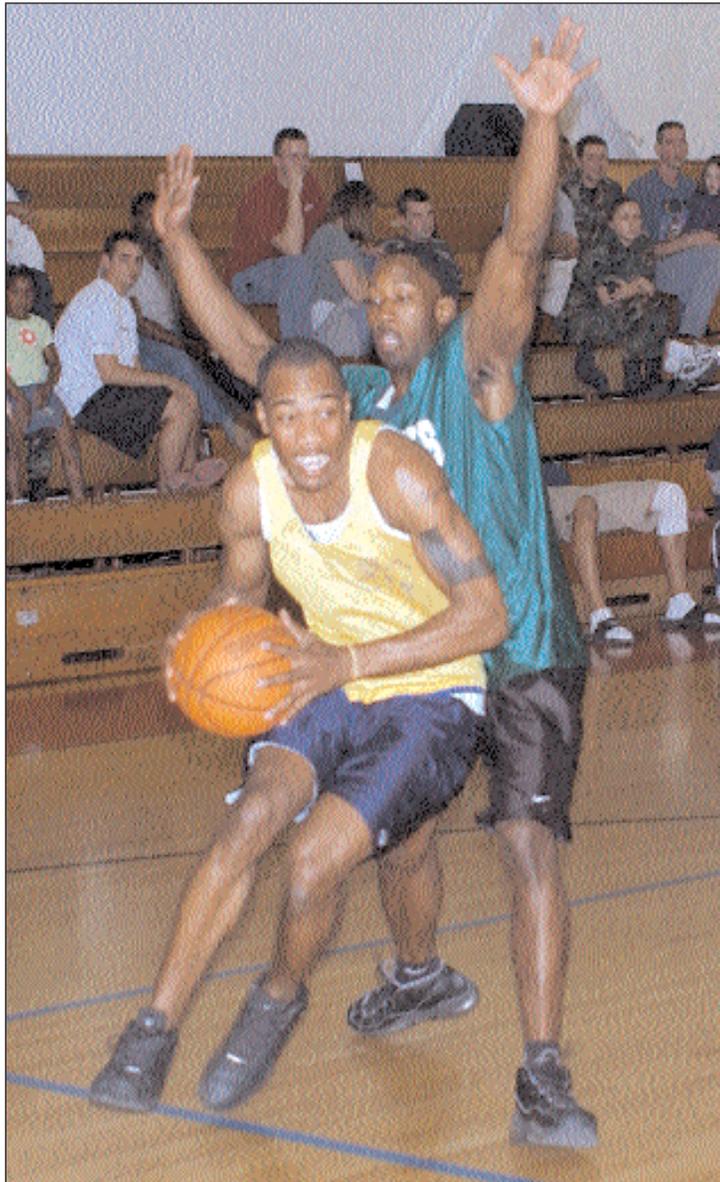
The 7th Civil Engineer Squadron found much to celebrate March 7 after conquering the 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 52-50 during the intramural basketball championship game.

Gregory Dailey, Daniel "P-Nut" Douville, and Gregory Merski led the Engineers in the two-point victory with a combined 32 points and 25 rebounds, 11 more rebounds than the entire Maintenance team.

After competing in the losers bracket final game against the 7th Services Squadron only moments before the base championship game, the Maintainers were already worn out and at a disadvantage, officials said. (The winner of the losers bracket goes on to compete against the winner of the winners bracket in the base championship.) But the Engineers played smart and acted on the Maintainers' weakness.

"The other team has played one game already, so we have the advantage," said CES coach James Cox before the championship game tipped off. "We need to push the ball and work as a team, that's what got us this far."

The Engineers started the game running, forcing the weary Maintainers to



Photos by Airman Shawn Baldauf

317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's Crayton Hullum, right, tries to block 7th Civil Engineer Squadron's Daniel "P-Nut" Douville during the intramural basketball base championship game March 7. The Engineers beat the Maintainers 52-50.

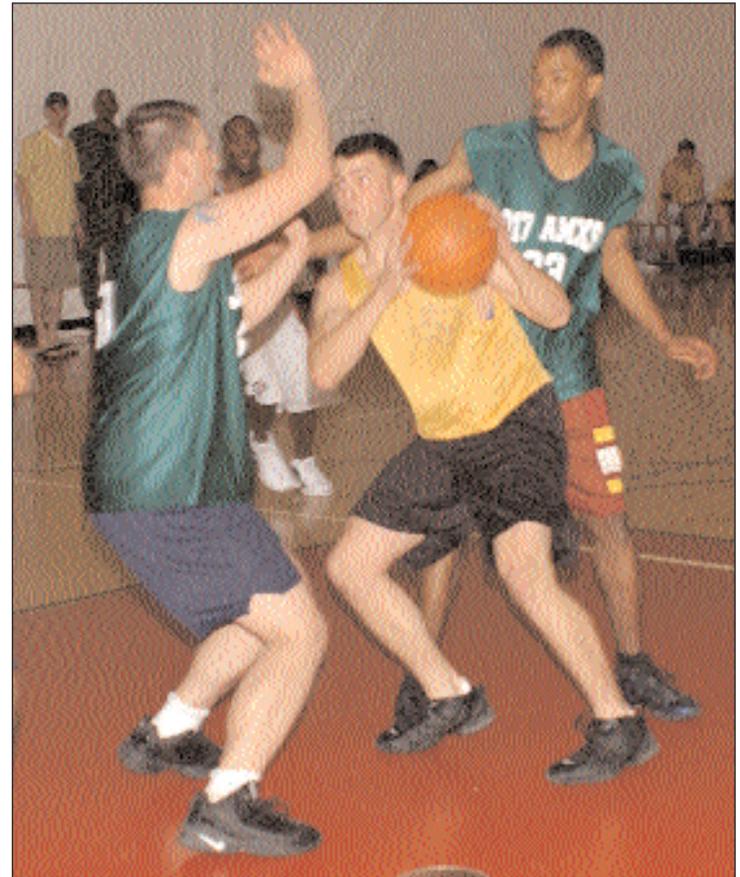
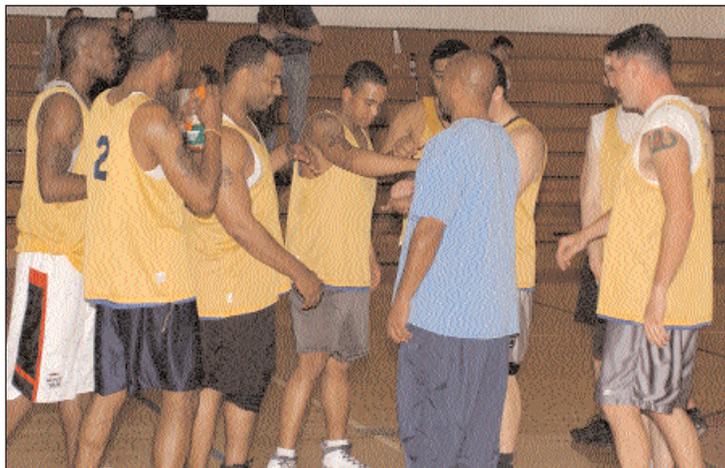
try and keep up with the pace. Dailey led the 7th CES speedy offensive attack with nine first-half points and

precise passes in the paint.

Holding a six-point advantage with 1:30 left in the first half, Douville stretched the Engineer lead as he received a no-look pass from Dailey and drove down the baseline with a powerful one-hand dunk. The athletic play brought the crowd to its feet.

7th CES quickly added another eight points after an 317th AMXS time out,

Right: 7th Civil Engineer Squadron team members huddle-up for a time out during the base championship game.



317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's Matthew Stevens, left, and Ernest Mauristhene double-team 7th Civil Engineer Squadron's Greg Merski, during the base championship intramural basketball game March 7.

including consecutive three-pointers from Douville and Derrick Modest, giving the Engineers a 26-15 halftime lead.

"Our backs are against the wall. We had to win two games (March 6)," noted 317th AMXS coach Lee Worthington during the halftime break. "We're getting tired. We just have to play our game."

The Engineers were able to hold their double-digit lead until Maintainer Ernest Mauristhene hit a three-pointer with nine minutes remaining, which cut the lead to 39-30.

With momentum finally on their side, 317th AMXS pounded the ball inside and fought for high-percentage shots in the paint, yielding 17 second-half points from Mauristhene and fellow big man Rance Streeter.

With a 41-34 advantage and eight minutes remaining on the clock, 7th CES'

Merski added three of his 10 second-half points when he swished a three-pointer from four feet beyond the arch.

317th AMXS' Joshua Barnett followed up with a three of his own, keeping the margin close with four minutes remaining and keeping the crowd -- predominately Engineer fans -- out of the game.

With one minute left and the Engineer lead cut to six points, Dailey grabbed the rebound off of Mauristhene's missed lay-up.

Dailey was then fouled and nailed two free throws, securing the Engineer victory.

But the 317th AMXS squad refused to give up as Ronald Gantt hit two three-pointers, including one at the buzzer.

"This was a great game," Cox said. "(317th AMXS) is a good team and they put up one heck of a fight."

Social hour

Enlisted social hour begins at 4:30 p.m. today at The Hangar Center.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Open house

There is an open house from 5-8 p.m. today at The Heritage Club. The event is open to all officers and equivalent civilian employees.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Retiree pool

There is a retiree 8-ball tournament from 6-8 p.m. today at The Hangar Center.

For more information, call 6-4305.

Karaoke

There is karaoke from 6-10 p.m. today at The Hangar Center.

For more information, call 6-4305.

Late night

The Hangar Center's Late Night is from 11 p.m. Saturday to 4 a.m. Sunday.

The event is free for club members and \$3 for non-members.

For more information, call 6-2405.

\$1 club meals

The Heritage Club is hosting several dollar day specials for club members in March.

Members can eat for \$1 on the following dates:

Tuesday -- Breakfast from 6:30-8 a.m.

March 24 -- Lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March 25 -- Build-your-own pizza dinner from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Singles pool

There is a singles pool tournament from 6-8 p.m. March 21 at The Hangar Center. For more information, call 6-4305.

Spring ball

The Airman's Focus Group is sponsoring a spring ball March 22.

The event begins at 7 p.m. with cocktails, followed by dinner at 8 p.m. at The Heritage Club.

The after-party begins at 11 p.m. at The Hangar Center.

The cost is \$9.25 for club

members and \$11.25 for non-members or \$18.50 per couple.

Flowers and photos will also be available at an additional charge.

For more information, call Airman 1st Class Princess Brown at 6-3033.

Club dining

The Heritage Club features a different lunch special from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays during March.

The schedule is:

Mondays -- Mexican buffet

Tuesdays -- Fried chicken buffet

Wednesdays -- Barbecue buffet

Thursdays -- Asian buffet

Fridays -- Seafood buffet
The regular lunch menu is also available.

Frame discount

Do-it-yourself frame equipment fees are half price from 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays during March at the Crafters Haven Skills Development Center.

For more information, call 6-4175.

Auto special

The auto skills center's March special -- all stalls can be used at half price from 1-4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

For more information, call 6-4179.

Bingo mania

Bingo mania is 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays at the Hangar Center. Tickets go on sale at 6:30 p.m.

Participants must be at least 18 years old.

For more information, call 6-2405.

Rock 'n Bowl

Music Thursdays begin at 5 p.m. at Dyess Lanes.

All games are 50 cents.

For more information, call Dyess Lanes at 6-4166.

Thunder Alley

Thunder Alley is from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays at Dyess Lanes.

The cost is \$8 per person, which includes shoe rental, or \$2 per game.

No bowlers under the age of 13 are permitted unless accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call 6-4166.

Sunday brunch

The Heritage Club offers brunch from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sundays.

The cost is \$8.95 for club members and \$10.95 for nonmembers. For more information, call 6-2405.

Bowling special

Children celebrating their birthday at Dyess Lanes receive free shoe rental, one free game and a meal for \$3.50. For more information, call 6-4166.

Car detailing

The auto skills center now offers auto detailing.

For prices or to schedule an appointment, call 6-4179.

ITT gift certificates

The information, ticket and travel gift certificates in any denomination good through April 30 are now available. For more information, call 6-5207.

Bowling certificates

Dyess Lanes gift certificates in any denomination are now available for purchase.

For more information, call 6-4166.



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